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SUBJECT: VIETS' CONSULTATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR DEPARTED FOR TIMISOARA BEFORE WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HIS THOUGHTS ON TOPICS YOU MIGHT PURSUE. WE THEREFORE HAVE AT THIS JUNCTURE FAIRLY LIMITED LIST OF ITEMS FOR YOU OR OUR EE COLLEAGUES, ON MONDAY, HOWEVER, WHEN AMBASSADOR IS BACK, YOU CAN ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL TELEGRAM. SHORT LIST FOLLOWS BY TOPIC:
2. AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCES. RECOGNIZING BUREAU MAY HAVE ENTERED TRANSITION PHASE, WE WOULD HOPE YOU MIGHT NEVERTHELESS EXTRICATE APPROVAL OF AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED ABSENCE IN JUNE AND HIS JULY CONSULTATIONS (BUCHAREST 3360, 3234, 3191).
3. NUCLEAR COOPERATION. IN LIGHT OF RECENT POLICY STATEMENT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A READOUT ON WHERE ROMANIA FITS INTO OUR GRAND DESIGN. IF SID HAS NOT ALREADY SECURED RESPONSE, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INDICATION OF RESULTS OF DEPARTMENT'S CONSULTATION WITH U.S. FIRMS, ABOUT WHICH WE INQUIRED MOST RECENTLY IN BUCHAREST 3222. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT ARMITAGE WILL ILLUMINATE OTHER QUESTION RELATING TO LESSONS FOR ROMANIANS ARISING OUT OF KRSKO NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. EARTHQUAKE AID. AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST DICK HAS WRITTEN INTS TO INQUIRE WHETHER WE MIGHT DRAW MORE THAN CURRENTLY PLANNED \$7 MILLION FROM DISASTER ACCOUNT. AID TEAM HAD TALKED IN TERMS OF RANGE OF \$7-10 MILLION, AND DEHANN/TINKER SEEMED PREPARED TO SEE ROMANIA RECEIVE ENTIRE \$20 MILLION. NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DRAW ON DISASTER ACCOUNT COULD BECOME CRITICAL IN EVENT OF DELAY IN THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL. REQUEST

YOUR REVIEWING WITH INTS WHAT CAN BE DONE TO TAP DISASTER FUNDS FOR LARGER FIRST TRANCHE OR SECOND TRANCHE SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY.

5. MFN. TRUST YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FILL US IN ON PROGRESS OF ADMINISTRATION'S WAIVER PACKAGE AND CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT.

6. ODCD TAKEOVER. HOPEFULLY BUCHARE 3459 PROVIDES EUR AND O WITH BASIS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS. OBVIOUSLY, ONE OF OUR CHIEF CONCERNS IS WHETHER DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO PAY FOR WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES MAINTAIN THEIR CURRENT COMPENSATION LEVEL OR SUFFER MINIMAL REDUCTIONS. WE'D ALSO BE INTERESTED TO KNOW DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS OF CITING ART 38 (2) OF VIENNA CONVENTION AS GROUNDS FOR INSISTING UPON WRITTEN ASSURANCES REGARDING STAFF CONTINUITY.

7. AIR AGREEMENT. RELATEDLY, DICK CITED SIDE LEHWER TO AIR AGREEMENT IN DISCUSSION WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON WEDNESDAY TO INSIST ON PAN AM'S RIGHT TO PAY SALARIES IN LEI. (PARENTHETICALLY, ALL AIRLINES ARE OBJECTING VIOLENTLY TO BEING MOVED UNDER ARGUS JURISDICTION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ENORMOUS INCREASE IN WAGE BILL). PERHAPS L/EB AND EB/TT/AN WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE BILATERAL AND PROPOSED NOTED TO EXTEND AGREEMENT TO SEE WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL PROTECTION NEED BE INSERTED IN OUR NOTE, CONCERNING WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, THERE HAS BEEN TOTAL SILENCE FROM BOTH ROMANIANS AND DEPARTMENT. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE'D APPRECIATE LEARNING HOW LONG CAB IS WILLING TO EXTEND TAROM'S LANDING RIGHTS IN ABSENCE OF BILATERAL.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION. TELEGRAM INITIATED BY AMBASSADOR AND AWAITING HIS REVIEW REQUESTS DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER DEFERRAL OF INSTALLATION OF SHIELDED ENCLOSURE TO FY 1979 (STATE 098341). WHEN OUR CABLE RECEIVED, SUGGEST YOU SEEK TO REMIND NAEHER OF AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NAEHER'S EARLIER AGREEMENT THAT PROMPT ACTION WAS NEEDED.

9. HABIB INVITATION. IN DISCUSSION OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS WITH GLIGA LAST FRIDAY, AMBASSADOR PROPOSED THAT UNDER SECRETARY HABIB VISIT BUCHAREST FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, POSSIBLY IN SEPT. GLIGA AGREED THAT HABIB WOULD BE EXCELLENT SELECTION. WHILE AMBASSADOR IS, OF COURSE, WRITING UNDER SECRETARY DIRECTLY, PERHAPS YOU COULD UTILIZE YOUR EXCELLENT CONTACTS TO SECURE ADVANCE REACTION.

10. DUAL NATIONALS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSIGHTS INTO REASONS FOR DELAY IN DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE ON SECOND PART OF DUAL NATIONAL QUESTION.

11. SECTION 212 (A)(15). MARIAN ASKS ASSISTANCE IN SECURING RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY OF APRIL 8 (BUCH 2612) CONCERNING EVIDENCE TO SATISFY PUBLIC CHARGE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 212(A)(15).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. PLEASE ASK MRS. ZIEVETZ IF SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING TEACHING POSITION: ONE-THIRD OF TIME, ART; TWO-THIRDS TIME DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY RESOURCES LEARNING CENTER. FYI: SCHOOL BOARD HAS NOT YET AGREED ON PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,100 PER TEACHER. FRANK HAS PRESENTED VERY COMPREHENSIVE CHART OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR SISTER SCHOOLS WHICH SHOW THAT EVEN WITH INCREASE OUR SALARIES WILL BE LOW. NON-AMERICAN BOARD MEMBERS ARGUE WHY SHOULD SALARIES BE INCREASED WHEN WE HAVE ENOUGH APPLICANTS AT PRESENT. DR. MCGUGAN THINKS SALARIES ARE JUSTIFIED. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
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WHICH COULD BE DECIDING FACTOR IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO WITH THIS LIMITED INFORMATION. PLEASE REMIND LANGUAGE CLASS THAT THEY SHOULD INCLUDE COMPLETE WELCOME KIT IN AIRFREIGHT BECAUSE NONE AVAILABLE AT POST. AIRFREIGHT CAN TAKE 3-4 WEEKS TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST.
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